

May 2, 2017

VIA ONLINE SUBMISSION

Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (MI-9J)
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

RE: Public Records Request

Dear Records Custodian:

We represent a group of individuals affected by the environmental pollution emitted by Mid America Steel Drum plants. I am writing to request copies of records regarding the Mid America Steel Drum Company, Inc.'s plants located on 8570 South Chicago Rd. in Oak Creek, Wisconsin and on 3950 South Pennsylvania Ave in Saint Francis, Wisconsin. Specifically, I am requesting all records from 1997 to present relating to the plants compliance and lack of compliance of Federal and State of Wisconsin Environmental Laws. These records should include, but are not limited to:

- Any records of complaints from individuals regarding the plants;
- Any investigations relating to noxious fumes, soil and water contamination in the neighborhoods bordering these plants;
- Maps or charts regarding environmental pollution emitted from the plants;
- Photographs, films, recordings and tapes relating to any investigations of environmental pollution emitted from the plants; and
- Final opinions and orders made in adjudicating cases under investigation of these plants.

This request is submitted pursuant to Wisconsin Public Records Law, §§ 19.31 through 19.39, Wis. Stats. Under this law, any person may request a record from an authority that has custody of the record. See Wis. Stat. § 19.32 (3). If you do not have custody of records that are addressed in this request, please forward this request to records custodians that has access to these records.

Under § 19.32, the "record" is "any material on which written, drawn, printed, spoke, visual or electromagnetic information is recorded or preserved... which has been created or is being kept by an authority". Wis. Stat. § 19.32 (2). Under this definition, the above documents are clearly "records" that can be requested by any person. Please let me know, in writing, if you have any questions regarding the request or need additional information.

Additionally, please provide notice, with an estimated cost of copying and/or retrieval fees, and wait for my consent before copying any files. I also request the estimated fees be reduced or waived, pursuant to § 19.35(3)(e), Wis. Stats.

I look forward to hearing from you in approximately twenty business days as this is deemed reasonable by the government. Thank you very much.

Respectfully requested,

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